Raising the age limit for Government service

*6. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to raise the age limit for Government service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Age limits for appointment to various posts have been laid down keeping in view the nature of duties and the requirements of educational qualification and experience. There is no proposal to raise the age limit for entry in Government Service.

Determination of sex of the foetus

*7. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by determining the sex of the foetus, foeticides is on the increase in the country; and

(b) whether some women organisations are demanding the abolition of sex determination of the foetus and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The Government is aware of the reports of the misuse of sex determination tests leading to foeticide. However, it is not possible to state the extent of incidence of foeticide after sex determination tests, as no such information is available.

(b) Different organisations have demanded abolition of sex determination tests. The Government of India is of the view that a Central Act may be essential to regulate the use of sex determination tests.

Seminar on land reforms by the Planning Commission

*8. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on land reforms was convened by the Planning Commission in New Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, what were the details of the issues discussed and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

Statement

A Seminar on Land Reforms was held in the Planning Commission on 7th and 8th June, 1989.

The Seminar reviewed the statues of land reforms in a historical perspective. It focussed on policies related to tenancy, ceiling, redistribution of land, maintenance of land records, consolidation of holdings and protection of the interests of weaker sections.

The consensus at the seminar was that the economic case for land reforms was still strong and had to be pursued as a deliberate